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SUBJECT: JAPAN-KOREA CONTINENTAL SHELF AGREEMENT

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1. LDP, FORCED TO GIVE PRIORITY TO TERRITORIAL SEA AND
FISHERY ZONE BILLS IN ORDER TO HAVE LATTER IN HAND FOR
NEXT ROUND OF SOVIET FISHERY TALKS STARTING THIS WEEK,
WAS UNABLE TO MUSTER SUFFICIENT POLITICAL CAPITAL TO
FORCE JAPAN-ROK CONTINENTAL SHELF AGREEMENT THROUGH
LOWER HOUSE IN TIME TO PERMIT AUTOMATIC APPROVAL
BEFORE DIET ADJOURNMENT MAY 28. WHILE THERE IS LITTLE
PROSPECT OF DIET EXTENSION -- PRIMIN FUKUDA OVER WEEKEND
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SAID THERE WOULD BE NONE -- LDP HOPES TO OBTAIN LOWER
HOUSE PASSAGE OF AGREEMENT BY MAY 10 AND WILL STILL ATTEMPT
TO SECURE UPPER HOUSE APPROVAL BEFORE ADJOURNMENT.

2. SECOND, LESS DESIREABLE POSSIBILITY WOULD BE FOR
LDP TO MAINTAIN FORWARD MOTION BY SECURING LOWER HOUSE
APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BY MID-MAY. AGREEMENT WOULD

THEN BE SENT TO UPPER HOUSE BUT ACTION WOULD BE DEFERRED
UNTIL POST-ELECTION EXTRAORDINARY DIET SESSION
(PROBABLY SEPTEMBER), WHEN DSP EXPECTED TO BE IN
BETTER POSITION TO GIVE MORE FORTHRIGHT SUPPORT.

3. AMBASSADOR NISHIYAMA, CURRENTLY HERE ON CONSULTATIONS,
IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO SEOUL LATER THIS WEEK. ACCORDING
TO FONOFF NORTHEAST ASIA DEPDIR DAWASHIMA, NISHIYAMA
WILL ATTEMPT TO CALM KOREANS BY POINTING OUT THAT
LEGISLATIVE PROCESS ON AGREEMENT NOT YET COMPLETED;
THAT GOJ WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS STRONGLY FOR RATIFICATION;
AND THAT IN MEANWHILE, INTENSE PUBLIC CRITICISM OF
JAPAN BY ROK IS MOST "UNHELPFUL" TO AGREEMENT' SUPPORTERS.

4. KOREAN COMPLAINTS ABOUT FAILURE OF LOWER HOUSE TO
RATIFY AGREEMENT LAST WEEK HAVE FORTUNATELY RECEIVED
RELATIVELY LITTLE ATTENTION IN JAPANESE PRESS. WE AGREE
WITH EMBASSY SEOUL THAT FURTHER ROKG EFFORTS IN THIS
DIRECTION WOULD DAMAGE WHATEVER PROSPECT REMAINS
FOR UPPER HOUSE PASSAGE OF AGREEMENT IN THIS SESSION.
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